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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24: VENEZUELAN POSITION

REF: USUN 1104; CARACAS 10607

1. WHILE AMBASSADOR OR DCM WOULD WANT TO RAISE US CONCERN OVER THE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE AT AN APPROPRIATE JUNCTURE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SCHACHT OR FONMINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL RAPHAEL (ONLY PERSONS WHO EFFECTIVELY OUTRANK DIAZ-GONZALEZ, WHO IS ALREADY IN PLACE IN HIS NEW JOB IN THE FONMINISTRY), DEPARTMENT SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT IF OUR APPROACH HERE IS TOO POINTED IT COULD FURTHER ANTAGONIZE DIAZ-GONZALEZ AGAINST US NOT ONLY ON PUERTO RICAN ISSUE BUT ON OTHER SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS IN THE UN AND ELSEWHERE.

2. WE WOULD THEREFORE PREFER TO WAIT FOR A FAVORABLE OR APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE THE ISSUE HERE, AND WE REITERATE OUR SUGGESTION (CARACAS 10607) THAT THE PR GOVERNMENT, WITH ITS CLOSE TIES WITH THE NEW VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT, WOULD BE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO NEUTRALIZE DIAZ-GONZALEZ'S MALIGN INFLUENCE ON PUERTO RICAN ISSUE. IF THE DEPARTMENT WISHES THE PR GOVERNMENT TO TAKE ANY INITIATIVE IN THIS MATTER, WE SUGGEST ITS DEMARCHE AND OURS BE COORDINATED.

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